

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

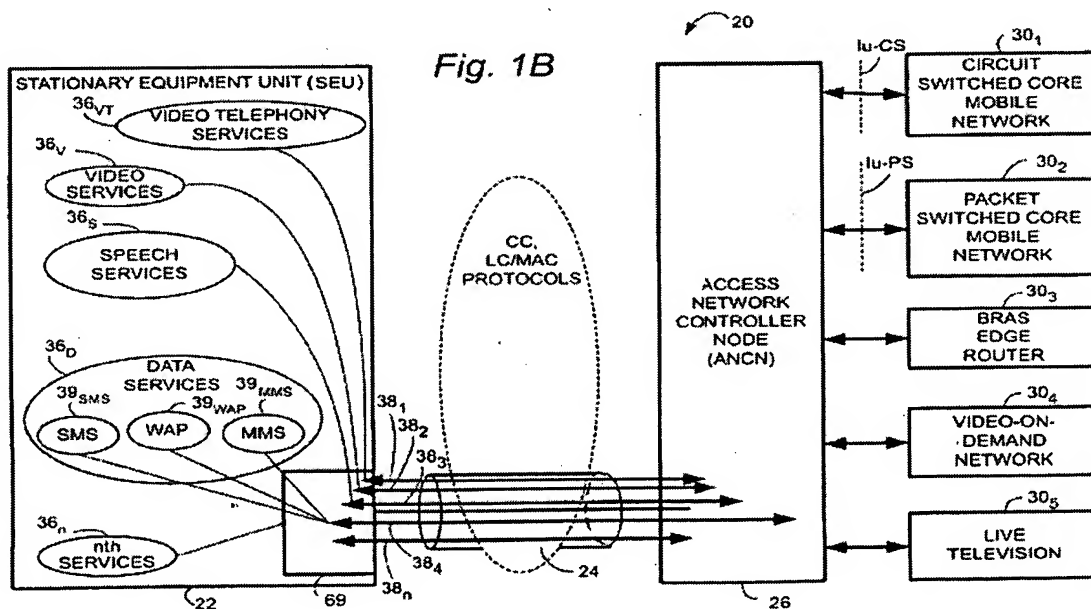
A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Editorially amend the dependency of claim 30, thereby mooting the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.
2. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

B. SELECTED COMMENTS CONCERNING APPLICANTS' DISCLOSURE

In one of its aspects Applicants' disclosure concerns a node of a communications network (known as the ANCN node 26 in Fig. 1) which dynamically establishes one or more access bearers to a stationary equipment unit (SEU 22 in Fig. 1). The stationary equipment unit is connected to the ANCN node 26 by an essentially fixed location physical link 24. The ANCN node 26 is configured so that a media service offered by one or more external networks (30) can be provided through the node 26 to the stationary equipment 22.



B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8, 10, 12-19, 21, 23-27, 30-31 and 33-36 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication 2002/0062379 to Widegren. Claim 32 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication 2002/0062379 to Widegren in view of U.S. Publication 2002/0103009 to Sato. Claims 9, 20 and 28 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication 2002/0062379 to Widegren in view of WO 03/003767 to Soininen et al. Claims 11, 22 and 29 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication 2002/0062379 to Widegren in view of U.S. Publication 2002/0177446 to Bugeja. All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

It appears that the Final Office Action is equating Widegren's PDN Access Point 14 to be the claimed node which dynamically establishes one or more access bearers to a stationary equipment unit, and Widegren's Multimedia System 16 to be the stationary equipment unit. Further, enumerated paragraph 4 of the final office action states that the claimed fixed location physical link is realized by packet data network 18. The final office action further takes the position that the Widegren radio access network 12 could be the claimed "external network" which offers the multimedia service. See Widegren Fig. 19, reproduced below.

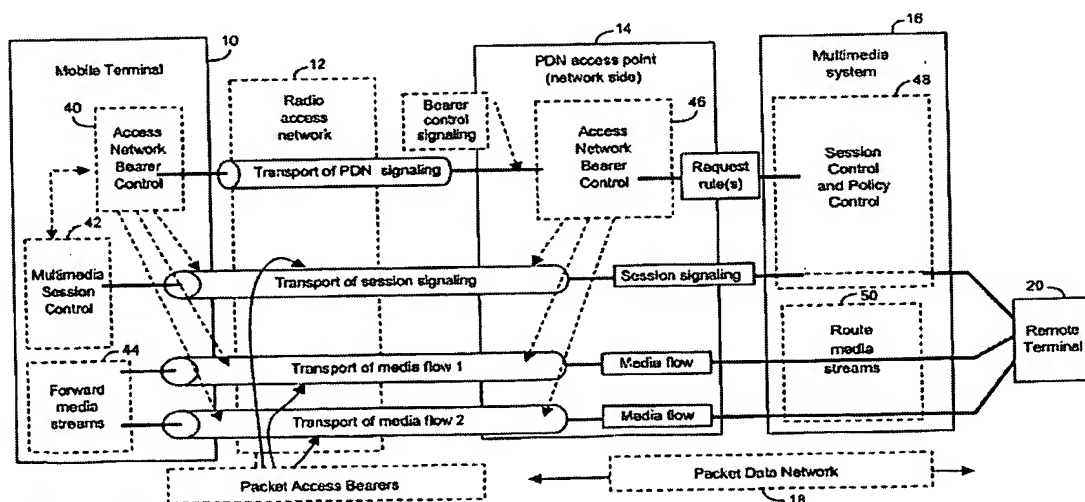


Fig. 19

Thus, the office action's interpretation of Widegren would require the media flow to be directed in reverse, e.g., from Widegren's PDN Access Point 14 to Widegren's Multimedia System 16.

Such a reading would equate the Widegren Multimedia System 16 to be the claimed stationary equipment unit. But such cannot be, since the stationary equipment is an end user terminal which can be equivalent to the mobile terminal. In industry practice the stationary equipment is connected to the fixed access network while the Multimedia System is a set of HW and SW equipment connected to a Packet network and to an IP network or the internet where the IP technologies protocols and rules are applicable.

Moreover, a mere packet flow between Widegren's PDN Access Point 14 and Widegren's Multimedia System 16 cannot be reasonably equated to an access bearer. The flows are simply data packets over IP and follow IP protocols requirements.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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